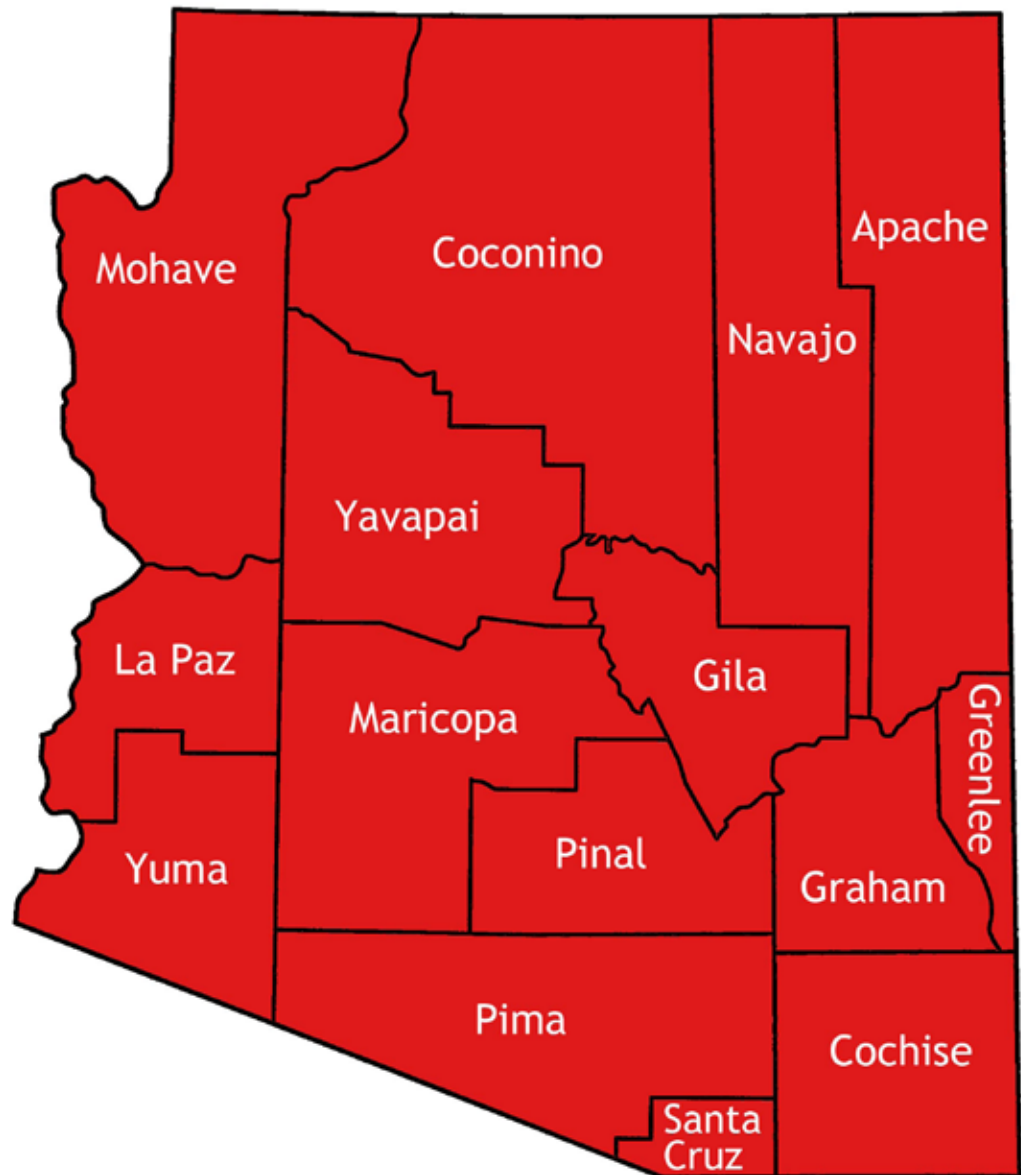


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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES



## ANNUAL OVERVIEW REPORT WHAT ADULT EDUCATION MEANS TO ARIZONA PROGRAM YEAR 2006-2007



Arizona Department of Education  
Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SITUATION: ARIZONA'S CRITICAL NEEDS

There is a direct relationship, economically and socially, among low literacy levels, unemployment, and poverty. Many parents lack the skills necessary to help their children succeed in school. The greatest predictor of a child's success in school is the education level of the parent.\*

- Of people aged 16 and older, 819,500 (20%) Arizonans do not have a high school diploma or GED and are not enrolled in school.\*\*
- Of adults aged 18 and older, 246,170\* (6.5%) cannot communicate effectively in the English language.\*\*
- Almost 90% of adults enrolled in Adult Education classes read below the 9th grade level.\*\*\*
- Estimated Annual Lost Earnings: Per the U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median weekly earnings in 2006 of a person with less than a high school diploma (\$419) is \$176 less than that of a high school graduate (\$595) or approximately \$9,000 more per year.\*\*\*\*
- The 819,500 Arizonans without a high school diploma or GED represent approximately \$73,755,000 in lost annual taxable income.

## SOLUTION: ARIZONA'S AVENUES FOR EDUCATION

Through Adult Education Services, Arizona adults can break the cycle of poverty while simultaneously increasing the safety and well-being of Arizona communities. Twenty-nine programs statewide met rigorous requirements to receive funding. They served over 30,000 learners with over two million instructional hours in over 900 classrooms located throughout Arizona.

## RESULTS: ARIZONA'S 2006-2007 OUTCOMES\*\*\*

14,553	English language learners
9,308	Adult basic education learners
1,024	Adult secondary education learners
4,906	Learners between the ages of 16 and 21
6,000+	Learners received intake, assessment, and referral to GED testing or workforce preparation/ employment services
72%	Of adult learners who were pre-and post-tested advanced two or more grade levels
79%	Of adults who sought a job found employment
83%	Of adult learners who sought to retain job or improve employment were successful
88%	Of adult learners who wanted to enter post-secondary education or training went on to other educational pursuits





## GED® GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST

1. Over 18,000 students in Arizona take the GED Test annually.\*\*\*
2. Approximately 20% of all high school diplomas issued in Arizona each year are earned through the GED Testing program.\*\*\*
3. During the program year 2006-2007, 45% of those taking the GED Test in Arizona were 16 to 22 years of age. Approximately 72% passed the test and received an equivalency diploma.\*\*\*
4. Of the over 18,000 students who took the GED Test in Arizona during the Program Year 2006-2007, 11,273 high school equivalency diplomas were issued.\*\*\*
5. At today's rates, an individual with a high school diploma can earn approximately \$280,000 more during his/her working career than someone without a high school diploma.\*\*\*\*
6. The Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma is recognized by state community colleges and universities, U.S. Military, employers and business organizations.
7. A high school equivalency diploma meets one of the criteria for federal financial aid, which is often the support needed for those who cannot afford the cost of a post-secondary program.
8. The GED Test is available in English, French, and Spanish. Special accommodations are available for those candidates with disabilities. The test consists of five sub-tests: Language Arts-Writing/Essay; Social Studies; Science; Language Arts-Reading; and Mathematics.

For more information on GED Testing, call (602) 258-2410

[www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed](http://www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed) . . . [www.gedtest.org](http://www.gedtest.org)

## GED® TESTING CENTERS 2006-2007

*Arizona Department of Education - GED Testing; Arizona Western College; Central Arizona College Apache Junction/Aravaipa/Florence Center/Signal Peak; Chinle Unified School District; Cochise College Testing; Coconino Community College Testing; Dine College; Douglas Public Schools; Eastern Arizona College - Thatcher; Estrella Mountain Community College; Gateway Community College; Gila County Education Service Agency; Glendale Community College; Mesa Community College; Mohave Community College - Bullhead City/Kingman/Lake Havasu; Northland Pioneer College - Holbrook-Show Low; Phoenix College; Pima College - Central GED Testing Center/El Rio Testing Center/West Campus Assessment; Salt River - Maricopa Indian Community; South Mountain Community College; Yavapai College - Prescott/Verde Campus; and Yuma UHSD.*

SOURCES: \*NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF ADULT LITERACY 2003 \*\*U.S. CENSUS BUREAU-CENSUS 2000

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\*\*\*\*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR-BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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## AUTHORIZATION

Arizona Adult Education provides comprehensive literacy services to learners 16 years of age and older who are not enrolled in a K–12 school. Adult Education is authorized under Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, also known as the Adult and Family Literacy Act, and Arizona Revised Statute 15-234.

## PROGRAMS

Adult education instruction is delivered in the contexts of the adult learner's roles as family member, worker, and member of the community:

**ABE** = Adult Basic Education - Reading, Writing and Math through the 8th grade level

**ASE** = Adult Secondary Education and GED Test Preparation

**ELAA** = English Language Acquisition for Adults

**Citizenship & Civics** are integrated into ABE, ASE, and ELAA instruction

**Distance Learning** = GED Test preparation through online instruction

## PROVIDER SELECTION & REQUIREMENTS

Adult Education providers are funded by the Arizona Department of Education through a competitive process. Eligible providers include local education agencies, community colleges, and community-based organizations. Funding is based upon the provider's demonstrated record of delivering extraordinary educational services and producing learners who meet their personal academic and employment goals.

## 2006-2007 CERTIFIED ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDERS

*Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources, Inc.; Camp Verde Adult Reading Program, Inc.; Central Arizona College; Chandler Public Library Adult Education Program; Cochise College Adult Education; Coconino County Adult Education Consortium; Crane Adult Education; Friendly House, Inc.; Gila Adult Education Program; Gilbert Adult ESOL Program (ELAA); La Paz Career Center/One-Stop; Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County, Inc.; Literacy Volunteers of Santa Cruz County, Inc.; Maricopa County Adult Probation - Education Services; Mesa Unified School District Adult Education Program; Mohave Community College; Northland Pioneer College Adult Education; Phoenix Indian Center; Pima Community College Adult Education; Pima County Adult Probation - Education Services LEARN; Queen Creek Unified School District Adult Education; Rio Salado Adult Basic Education Program; Santa Cruz County Continuing Education - Nogales; South Yuma County Adult Education Consortium; Tempe Adult Education Program (TAEP); Yavapai College Adult Basic Education; Yuma Reading Council.*



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